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LOUISIANA—*Shreveport*.—One death from cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported during the week ended April 22, 1899.

OREGON—*Portland*.—No well authenticated case has been reported during the last eight months. No bacteriological examinations have been made.

TEXAS—*Galveston*.—Three deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported during the week ended April 22.

WASHINGTON—*Port Townsend*.—No cases have been reported since October 1, 1898.

*Seattle*.—No cases reported since October, 1898.

*Spokane*.—Three deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis are reported, 1 occurring in December and 2 in March.

*Smallpox in the United States.*

ALABAMA.

*Mobile*.—Surgeon Murray reports, April 29, 1 case of smallpox, in a negro, four days from New Orleans.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

*Washington*.—Health Officer Woodward reports 1 new case on April 27; April 28, 1 new case.

ILLINOIS.

*Chicago*.—Surgeon Sawtelle reports 2 concealed cases discovered on April 22d.

MASSACHUSETTS.

*Boston*.—Surgeon Irwin reports 4 new cases from April 17 to April 26, making a total of 9.

NEW MEXICO.

*Las Cruces*.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports many new cases of smallpox on April 27.

NEW YORK.

*Buffalo*.—Health Commissioner Wende reports on April 29, one case of smallpox admitted to the hospital on April 16.

## OHIO.

*From the Ohio Sanitary Bulletin for March and April.—Number of cases and places where smallpox has been reported in Ohio from January 1, 1899, to April 6, 1899.*

Places.	Cases.	Deaths.	Places.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bainbridge Township, Geauga County..	1	.....	Parma Township, Cuyahoga County...	1	.....
Brooklyn.....	1	.....	Pleasantville.....	1	.....
Cannelsville.....	1	1	Plain City.....	1	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	3	.....	Ripley.....	4	.....
Cincinnati.....	308	7	Roseville.....	1	.....
Cleveland.....	153	2	Sandusky.....	29	.....
Cleves.....	7	.....	Sand Hill.....	8	.....
Columbus.....	155	2	Springfield.....	1	.....
Coshocton.....	2	.....	Springfield Township, Clark County...	10	.....
Dialton.....	1	.....	Selma.....	1	.....
Donnellsville.....	1	.....	Shenandoah.....	1	.....
Franklin.....	5	.....	St. Johns.....	2	.....
Fredricksburg.....	1	.....	South Charleston.....	2	.....
Gallipolis.....	3	.....	Sunbury.....	4	.....
Girls' Industrial Home.....	2	.....	Tippecanoe.....	1	.....
Granville.....	1	.....	Toledo.....	2	.....
Harrison Township, Perry County.....	2	.....	West Farmington.....	1	.....
Howard.....	2	.....	West Jefferson.....	1	.....
Lafayette Township, Coshocton County..	8	.....	Wellington.....	1	.....
Lockland.....	6	.....	Willoughby.....	1	.....
Lorain.....	1	.....	Xenia.....	3	.....
Middlefield.....	1	.....	Zanesville.....	1	.....
Newton Township, Muskingum County..	14	1			
New Carlisle.....	4	.....	Total.....	761	13
Painesville.....	1	.....			

Since smallpox made its appearance in Ohio in April, 1898, to April 6, 1899, there have been reported to the State board of health 1,429 cases and 18 deaths. There were 166 cases and 2 deaths in Columbus; 251 cases and 2 deaths in Cleveland, and 355 cases and 7 deaths in Cincinnati.

## TEXAS.

*Eagle Pass.*—Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, April 18, as follows: I have the honor to inform you that I have just returned from Del Rio, Tex., where I went in quest of smallpox, and also to note the sanitary condition of the place. There has been for the past month an epidemic of measles in Del Rio, but at the present time the general health of the people is good. No deaths are reported from measles.

The main object, however, of my visit to Del Rio was to seek smallpox. I found 1 case of variola, the patient being a tramp and coming from California. This tramp, it seems, had been in Del Rio for some four or five days, roaming around the town in a sickly condition and complaining very much. At this time no one seemed to suspect the nature of his sickness. About five days after the arrival of this tramp some Mexican was crossing one of the bridges over the irrigation ditch and upon this bridge found a man lying unconscious. Upon examination the Mexican found that the tramp was broken out with an eruption, hence he immediately sent for the county physician who pronounced the case smallpox. As soon as I learned of this I proceeded to the spot where the patient had been taken \* \* \* and satisfied myself that the case was a very severe form of smallpox, it being variola vera.

I believe that the chances for development of more smallpox in Del Rio are very good, as a large number of persons came in contact with the aforesaid case before it was known that the case was smallpox.

During the past week 2 persons were taken off the trains from Mexico, having come from Vera Cruz and Tampico respectively. It has always been my endeavor to prevent the entrance of people from infected districts into this country. I can do this easily with foreigners, but with American citizens it is a different matter. The Americans state that if they are detained here they should have their expenses (living) defrayed and be properly taken care of. The State health officer, here has been expecting for a long time to get a house of detention for these people, but as yet nothing has been done by the State of Texas. I am doing all in my power to prevent the entrance of smallpox, and never hesitate in the matter of keeping it out of here. I make it a point to keep myself posted as to the condition of all the Mexican towns on the Rio Grande, and I personally inspect these towns.

Very respectfully,

LEO HUME,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Galveston.*—Acting Assistant Surgeon Keiller reports 8 new cases during the week ended April 22, making a total of 25 cases. All colored, with no deaths.

#### VIRGINIA.

*Newport News.*—Acting Assistant Surgeon Charles reports as follows: April 25, no new cases; April 26, 2 new cases; April 27, no new cases; April 28, 1 new case; April 29, no new cases; April 30, no new cases; 12 deaths in city and county since January 1, 1899.

*Norfolk.*—Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports as follows: April 25, admitted 2 cases, discharged 7 cases; April 26, no new cases; April 27, 6 new cases; April 28, admitted 2 cases, discharged, 5; deaths, 1.

*Portsmouth.*—Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports as follows: April 25, admitted 3 cases, discharged 5 cases; April 26, 6 cases; April 27, no new cases; April 28, admitted, 7; discharged, 1.

#### *Report of smallpox epidemic in Alexandria, Va.*

ALEXANDRIA, VA., *April 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to send the following report of the smallpox epidemic in Alexandria: The first case was reported December 27, 1898, and was thought to have been contracted from a shipment of rags from Norfolk, Va. This was disproved later, and it is now thought there were 2 cases here the last week in November. The second case was reported December 29. On January 24 there were 21 cases, and on the 28th, 47 cases. The daily increase from January 28 until February 11, was from 5 to 19 cases, making a total February 11 of 213, the number growing until 352 cases had been reported—47 whites, 305 blacks, with 5 deaths—all black—9 confluent and none hemorrhagic. Number sent to the pesthouse, 21.

The history of the epidemic is interesting, first, because of the mild type of the disease, which was early mistaken for chicken pox, and secondly, because the health officer was handicapped by the municipal authorities, who misled the public by stating in the proceedings of their council there was no smallpox in the city, hoping by concealment to meet the approbation of the wholesale merchants, not knowing the inevitable outcome of such a course is the wide spreading of so contagious a disease. Even after the mayor had requested you to send an